

**MINUTES OF THE
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

Members Present

Bob Davis, Chair
Kay Brandon
Alyson Best
Tony Davies
Bob Mays
Vic Nussbaum
Mark Taylor

Staff Present

Jason Jernigan
Gail Hay
Nancy Lindemeyer
Sheldon Smith

The Waste Management and Recycling Task Force met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

Chair Davis stated that the absence of Mr. Lewis was excused. Mr. Nussbaum moved to approve the absence of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Davies.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7 & 21, 2012 MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Mays moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2012 meeting, seconded by Ms. Best. The Task Force voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of the motion.

Mr. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Task Force voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of the motion.

SCOPE, SCHEDULE AND GOALS LIMITATIONS:

Mr. Taylor expressed concern that, with the Task Force looking at new topics and having guest speakers, it may lead them away from their main focus, which is to continue working on the items presented in the Task Force's Interim Report to City Council on July 17, 2012. After some discussion, Mr. Davis pointed out that at the August 7, 2012 meeting, the Task Force agreed to focus on finalizing the items presented to City Council in July. Mr. Mays suggested combining the three subcommittees back into the Task Force to allow the group to prepare the final report to submit to City Council in October.

In addition, Mr. Mays will work on developing a white paper regarding the creation of a standing advisory board to work with City Council on waste management issues. He will bring the paper to the September 18, 2012 Task Force meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Task Force members reviewed a handout submitted by Ms. Brandon from the WASTECON 2012 Conference regarding latest updates on waste-to-energy and conversion technologies, as well as projects under development.

Mr. Mays asked about the status of the Waste-to-Energy Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Ms. Hay responded that staff is preparing to send a draft to City Council.

Mr. Davies expressed a concern that the October 31 date for the Task Force to go out of existence might come at a time when the group could still be useful to the methane-to-energy RFQ process.

STAFF UPDATE:

Mr. Smith discussed the City's upcoming SWEEP (Solid Waste Environmental Education Program) campaign, a grassroots program to communicate with and engage residents in the collection process system. The program will involve a City resource team that will work to educate residents and help them understand the cost comparison between garbage and recycling. The program will be involved in neighborhood meetings and with the Neighborhood Congress to work with specific areas of the city in determining their collection needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Task Force agreed that a draft of their final report for City Council will be due at the October 2, 2012 Task Force meeting.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be September 18, 2012.

There being no further discussions before the Task Force, Mr. Mays moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Best seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis, Chair

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